

**OPINION 2010 (Case 3154)*****Scymnus splendidulus* Stenius, 1952 (currently *Nephus (Sidis) splendidulus*; Insecta, Coleoptera): neotype retained as the name-bearing type**

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**Ruling**

- (1) Under the plenary power the name-bearing type for *Scymnus splendidulus* Stenius, 1952 is hereby confirmed as the neotype designated by Fürsch (1965) and registered as type number 2659 in the Zoological Museum, Helsinki.
- (2) The name *splendidulus* Stenius, 1952, as published in the binomen *Scymnus splendidulus* and as defined by the neotype confirmed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

**History of Case 3154**

An application for the retention of the neotype designated by Fürsch (1965) as the name-bearing type of the Mediterranean coccinellid beetle *Nephus (Sidis) splendidulus* (Stenius, 1952) despite the rediscovery of the holotype was received from Dr Helmut Fürsch (*Ruderting, Germany*) and Dr Hans Silfverberg (*Zoological Museum, Helsinki, Finland*) on 9 February 2000. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 58: 108–109 (June 2001). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website.

**Decision of the Commission**

On 1 March 2002 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 58: 109. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 2002 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 23: Alonso-Zarazaga, Bock, Böhme, Bouchet, Brothers, Calder, Eschmeyer, Evenhuis, Fortey, Halliday, Kraus, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Mawatari, Minelli, Ng, Nielsen, Papp, Patterson, Rosenberg, Song, Štys

Negative votes – 4: Cogger, Kerzhner, Lamas and van Tol.

No vote was received from Dupuis.

Voting against, van Tol commented: 'The authors are apparently able to establish the identity of the holotype, since they state that the holotype and neotype are conspecific. Consequently, there is no reason to retain the neotype'.

**Original references**

The following is the original reference to the name placed on an Official List by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*splendidulus*, *Scymnus*, Stenius, 1952, *Notulae Entomologicae*, 32: 155.

The following is the reference for the designation of the neotype of *Scymnus splendidulus* Stenius, 1952:

Fürsch, H. 1965. *Mitteilungen der Münchner Entomologischen Gesellschaft*, 55: 204.